

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement issued in the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Invention I, Claims 21-28, directed to a barrier arrangement for further prosecution.

Claims 29-34 (the Invention II claims) are amended herein to direct same to "a barrier arrangement", and independent Claim 29 is amended to recite a "remotely-actuable" drive arrangement, similar to Claim 21. Claims 29-34 should therefore be grouped with elected Invention I, and thus are believed to warrant consideration at this time.

Further, Claims 35-37 (the Invention III claims) are cancelled herein and replaced with Claims 38-40. Independent Claim 38 is directed to a method of operating the barrier arrangement recited in elected Claim 21, and contains all of the structural limitations of Claim 21. Thus, Claim 38 is a linking claim which is believed to link the apparatus of Claim 21 to the recited method of operating same. Claims 38-40 are therefore also believed to warrant consideration at this time.

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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